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SOURCE:

- Between 50 and 60 of the foreign technicians employed by the tin mines in the Oruro-Catavi area have left Bolivia since the nationalization of the mines on 31 October 1952. It is believed that this figure represents a large percentage of the foreign technicians employed by the Patino and Hochschild interests.
- The tin mines in the Oruro-Catavi area normally produce about half of the total tin production of Bolivia. It is the general belief in the Oruro-Catavi area that there has been a considerable decrease in tin production since nationalization.

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Comment. It has been reported that the production of tin and all other minerals has diminished by 30% since nationalization, because of the lack of organization in the mining centers, but it has not been possible to verify this figure. There have also been rumors of a letter regarding this decrease in mineral production written by Manuel BARRAU, president of the Bolivian Mining Corporation, to President PAZ Estenssoro.

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